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**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL  
LETTER**

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09/887,204

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Examiner  
FUBARA, Blessing M.

Art Unit  
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Invention Title  
**RAPIDLY EXPANDING COMPOSITION FOR  
GASTRIC RETENTION AND CONTROLLED  
RELEASE OF THERAPEUTIC AGENTS, AND  
DOSAGE FORMS INCLUDING THE  
COMPOSITION**

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**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

Date:

March 31, 2005

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1. Transmitted herewith for filing is an Amendment in response to the Office Action mailed October 1, 2004 for the above-identified application.
2. The filing fee has been calculated after entry of the accompanying Amendment as shown below:

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT NUMBER EXTRA	RATE (\$)	FEE (\$)
TOTAL CLAIMS	102	minus	112	0	50.00	0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	8	minus	18	0	200.00	0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM ADDED					360.00	0
				TOTAL		0
				SMALL ENTITY TOTAL		

3. Applicants hereby request a **three-month extension of time** to respond to the Office Action of October 1, 2004, which set a three-month period for response. The extended period for response expires on April 1, 2005. Please charge the **\$1,020.00** extension fee and any additional fees to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon**, deposit account number **11-0600**.
4. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon**, deposit account number **11-0600**:
  - A. Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16;
  - B. Any additional patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17;
  - C. Any additional patent issue fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18;
  - D. Any additional document supply fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.19;
  - E. Any additional post-patent processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20; or
  - F. Any additional miscellaneous fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.21.
5. A copy of this letter is enclosed.

Date:

*March 30, 2005*

Respectfully submitted,

  
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